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MILITANTS MAR LONDON SEASON

Society Leaders in Fear of
Disturbances Caused by
Suffragettes.

DINNERS POSTPONED

Many Other Entertainments
Called Off Following
Recent Attacks.

ASQUITH TAKES ACTION

Cancels All Engagements at
Houses Where Sympathizers
Are Invited.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun

LONDON, May 17.—Society is reassembling in London after the Whitsun holiday and a bright and busy "grand season" is looked for.

One cloud that hung over the social horizon has now been lightened. It was the dangerous condition of the Duchess of Connaught, whose death would have gone far toward ruining the season. There were no hopes of her recovery a little while ago, but her marvellous powers of recuperation surprised every one. Her illness, however, naturally will be long and tedious, and it is considered improbable that the Duke will return to Canada to resume his duties as Governor-General and leave her here.

Two other causes that must militate against the complete success of the season cannot, unfortunately, be removed. One of these is the number of important families plunged into mourning by the recent deaths of distinguished and notable persons. The other cause is "suffragetteism."

The harmony of the social activities of the season has already been considerably interfered with by the sympathizers of the militant policy of the suffragettes. There is a feeling of uneasiness in the air at every big social gathering which recent events amply justify. The society women who are actively militant are comparatively few, but the militant reckoning among themselves and sympathizers and financial supporters a number of women of considerable social importance, several of whom recently adopted a plan of causing very disagreeable disturbances at social functions, especially when prominent political opponents of "suffragetteism" were present.

Premier Attacked at Dinner.

Just a little while ago, at a dinner party at which Premier and Mrs. Asquith were present, a woman during the dinner tried to enter into an argument with the Premier on the Government's attitude toward the militant suffragettes. The Premier declined to start a discussion of the question, but the woman throughout the dinner kept up a bitter and abusive attack upon the Government, which finally created a scandal. The hostess tried in vain to check the woman. Directly after the dinner Mr. and Mrs. Asquith left the house, several other guests following their example.

Since then the prominent opponents of the suffragettes have refused to accept all invitations to social functions unless they are assured before hand by the host or hostess that no militant sympathizers will be present or at least not allowed to start a discussion of the question. Premier Asquith, Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, and one or two other members of the Government have cancelled all social engagements for the season at houses where they consider there would be any likelihood that they would be subjected to any such annoyance as happened to the Premier. Some hostesses actually have decided to put off any big reception or ball this year, confining themselves to small parties, where there is no possibility of any such action.

A few nights ago at a reception given by Lord and Lady Iveagh Grosvenor, place a picture in the beautiful gallery where tea was served was badly damaged. A lamp cut was made from the centre to the side of the gallery and on the floor beneath the picture was found a card inscribed "Votes for Women." It was used as a chance that the picture was not of great value as other works of art in Lord Iveagh's house. It is not believed that an invited guest actually perpetrated the outrage, but there is a suspicion hanging almost to a certainty that a militant obtained admission by the aid of a guest who was fully aware that the former meditated doing some damage.

His Entertainments Postponed.

Just this half a dozen big receptions have been postponed. Hostesses giving large entertainments engage a small army of private detectives. Twenty detectives of both sexes mingled with the guests at a big dance this week in a house in Grosvenor Square. Several hostesses are complaining from their invitation lists the names of those avowedly sympathetic with the militants and also are refusing to admit to the homes of these people.

It may easily be understood what an uncomfortable effect this is having on the season, and the condition promises to continue for the recent action of the Government dealing with the militants seems to have tended to increase sympathy with them among a considerable number of women of social consequence.

There are a number of women of society, such as the Duchess of Bedford and Lady Kathleen Plunkington, who, although opposed to militancy, are strong suffragettes and do not approve of the Government making the offices of the Women's Social and Political Union and suppressing the newspaper *Suffragette*, and they have shown their disapproval by extending to the militant cause the warmest of support.

On the whole, a majority of London

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hostesses probably are indifferent to the merits or demerits of the suffragette question, their chief feeling on the subject now being one of intense annoyance that it should be the cause of such happenings as those just described, which are marring the pleasures of the season and interfering with social activities.

FEUDAL ISLAND NEAR ENGLAND.

Herm, With Population of Forty, Is Ruled by Spartan Laws.

LONDON, May 17.—A real feudal island, where the inhabitants are ruled by rigid regulations reminiscent of the Middle Ages and where even visitors have to conform to Spartan laws—such is the island of Herm, about four miles from Guernsey.

Herm is only about eight miles in circumference, but kangaroos run wild within its confines and the inhabitants

PRINCIPLE MADE HIM DECLINE.

Politician Refuses Post Because He Once Sought to Abolish It.

PANAMA, May 17.—A Panama politician has refused the lucrative post of Minister of his country to England. And what is more remarkable, bases his refusal on principle. He is rich, and besides the Panama Government pays its representative enough so that even a poor man could take it.

President Porras offered the post to Samuel Lewis, a Conservative leader who threw his support to the Liberal candidate during the recent election. In an effort to carry out his programme of economy President Porras a few weeks before assuming office asked Mr. Lewis to recommend a plan for cutting down the expenses of the Government. Mr. Lewis was Secretary of Foreign Affairs in a former administration and he knew that the two-course diplomatic

BERLIN PREPARES TO GREET MONARCHS

King George and Queen Mary
Expected in German Capital
Wednesday.

CZAR ARRIVES THURSDAY

Prince Henry XXXIII. of Reuss
Weds Daughter of Prince
Friedrich Leopold.

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BERLIN, May 17.—Princess Victoria Margarete, daughter of Prince Friedrich Leopold, brother-in-law of the Kaiser, was married to-day to Prince Henry XXXIII. of Reuss. Coming so close to the marriage of the Kaiser's daughter to Prince Ernst of Cumberland, no great interest was shown in the ceremony, which took place at the Palace of Potsdam in the presence of the Kaiser, the Kaiserin, the Crown Prince and Crown Princess and other members of the royal family and many high Government officials and army officers. Afterward there were a banquet and a dance by torchlight, practically everything, only on a smaller scale, which will be seen at the royal wedding a week from to-day.

Berlin is looking forward to the most interesting week of the year, commencing at noon on Wednesday, when King George and Queen Mary of England will arrive at Lehrte station, where they will be received personally by the Kaiser and conducted to the palace. Under the Linden will be the scene daily of an animated military picture. The Czar and his daughter, the Grand Duchess Olga, will arrive on Thursday. The interest of the Berlin public is far greater in them than in the British sovereigns and high prices are demanded for windows along the route from the Anhalter station to the palace.

Herr Henninger, head of the police, denies that the public will be prevented from lining the sidewalks along the route. He says he is only taking the usual measures for the safety of the Czar, but does not fear that any attempt will be made on the life of the royal visitor. He admitted nevertheless that the Russians living in Berlin are not entirely trusted by the police, and they have been warned that if they do not wish their freedom of movement to be interfered with they had better remain downtown during the Czar's visit or go away for a few days.

When the Czar passes through Unter den Linden cordons of police will be on guard on each side of the street, and they will permit a small portion of the public to pass through and stand behind the infantry lining the central portion of the avenue.

CLEMENCEAU AGAIN AN EDITOR.

"L'Homme Libre" Is His Fourth Political Organ.

PARIS, May 16.—Yesterday "the Tiger," as M. Clemenceau is called, launched his new paper, *L'Homme Libre*. This is the fourth political organ founded by M. Clemenceau. The first was *Le Journalier*, which was started in 1888 and ceased publication in 1900. In the latter year M. Clemenceau founded *Le Bloc*, a weekly publication, which lived only two years. M. Clemenceau's other paper was *L'Aurore*, which he started in 1897 and in which he conducted his campaign in favor of Capt. Dreyfus.

He withdrew from the editorship of *L'Aurore* on becoming a Cabinet Minister in 1906. Since that time M. Clemenceau had not contributed to political organs. Now, at the age of 72 years, after having abandoned journalism for seven years, he is again about to take up his pen. His newspaper will be one of four pages, published at a cent. Each issue will contain an article by M. Clemenceau on the principal question of the day in home or foreign politics. M. Clemenceau, a wealthy politician, is said to have contributed \$200,000 to the capital.

Selling the Banned "Suffragette"



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are not allowed to have either guns or dogs.

It is difficult to believe that Herm is a real island only a few miles from the English coast and not a dream island in the South Seas invented by some fanciful novelist.

It is leased from the British Government by Prince Blucher, a descendant of the famous Waterloo Blucher. His residence stands on the summit of the island and can be seen from the sea for miles around.

There is only one landing place, and then one can only get ashore under certain tides. No one is permitted to land without paying a fee, and people have to give a reason for their visit.

Visitors are only permitted at Herm during the summer season from June to September.

The law in this romantic feudal island is enforced by the chief boatman, who holds the office of constable. As an emblem of office he carries a miniature ebony silver mounted baton. People arrested are taken to a curious little stone prison near the landing place, shaped like a beehive. Herm has forty inhabitants, all dependents of the Prince.

The most fascinating feature of the island is the herd of kangaroos, with a few rock wallabies, which leap about the place as if in the heart of Australia.

CRITICISE ROYAL PICTURE.

Critic Says Princess Mary Has "No Visible Means of Support."

LONDON, May 17.—There can be little doubt about what are "the pictures of the year" at the Academy. The only two canvases which continuously attract anything like a crowd are Mr. Lavery's royal portrait and M. Bundy's "Finances" and on both of them opinion is sharply divided. The majority support Mr. Bundy's effort.

Mr. Lavery's picture has been universally criticised by more than one writer, one of the critics saying that Princess Mary has no visible means of support; she appears to be sitting upon nothing.

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